

SEC. . TRANSFER OF REVENUES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, a State, a State educational agency, or a local educational agency may transfer any non-Federal public funds associated with the education of a student who is a victim of a violent criminal offense while in or on the grounds of a public elementary school or secondary school served by a local educational agency to another local educational agency or to a private elementary school or secondary school, including a religious school.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of subsection (a), the terms “elementary school”, “secondary school”, “local educational agency”, and “State educational agency” have the meanings given such terms in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801).

SEC. . INCREASED PENALTIES FOR DISTRIBUTING DRUGS TO MINORS.

Section 418 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 859) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “one year” and inserting “3 years”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “one year” and inserting “5 years.”

SEC. . INCREASED PENALTY FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING IN OR NEAR A SCHOOL OR OTHER PROTECTED LOCATION.

Section 419 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 860) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “one year” and inserting “3 years”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “three years” each place that term appears and inserting “5 years”.

LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 2772

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 625, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

The Federal Trade Commission shall report to the Banking Committee of Congress within 6 months of enactment of this act as to whether and how the location of the residence of an applicant for a credit card is considered by financial institutions in deciding whether an applicant should be granted such credit card.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS**

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, November 5, 1999, to conduct a hearing on pending nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, November 5, 1999, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to hold two hearings.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be author-

ized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, November 5, 1999, at 11:30 a.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS**RECOGNITION OF DAVID POFFENBERGER, STUDENT AT PUYALLUP HIGH SCHOOL**

• Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, during the past several weeks, a community in my state has come together to combat racism in their schools. One person, a student at Puyallup High School, has taken this problem head on and devised a way to bring his fellow students together in their fight against racism.

This student, David Poffenberger, an 18-year-old senior, designed a t-shirt that will be distributed to all of his 1,900 classmates in order to demonstrate Puyallup High School's united front against racism.

In one of his art classes, David created a design for the shirt—two silhouetted groups, one black and one white, united by a single handshake. David completed the shirt by adding the phrase, “Bridge the Gap.” With the encouragement from one of his art teachers, Candace Loring, David took a week off from swimming practice and visited with local community groups to turn his plan into reality.

The high school Booster Club, alumni association, the Puyallup Elks, and the Good Samaritan Hospital all contributed to his effort, raising over half of the \$5,128 needed to print and distribute the shirts. The Booster Club has also agreed to cover the remaining amount in addition to their own \$1,000 contribution.

David's principal, Wanda Berndston, credits him for single-handedly spearheading this effort to improve awareness throughout the school. In the midst of an unfortunate situation, it is often the individuals who are closest to the problem who can best offer solutions.

I commend David for his determination to make his school a better place for all students and am proud to present him with one of my “Innovation in Education” Awards.●

EXTENDED CARE SERVICES FOR VETERANS

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Veterans' Affairs Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2116, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2116) to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of ex-

tended care services for veterans and make other improvements in health care programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2541

(Purpose: To provide a substitute)

Mr. DOMENICI. Senator SPECTER has a substitute amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), for Mr. SPECTER, proposes an amendment numbered 2541.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under “Amendments Submitted.”)

Mr. DOMENICI. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate insist on its amendments, request a conference with the House, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2541) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 2116), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

The title was amended so as to read: “An Act To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing health care, education, memorial, and other benefits for veterans, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GORTON) appointed Mr. SPECTER, Mr. THURMOND, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER conferees on the part of the Senate.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1999

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to consideration of Calendar No. 208, H.R. 1654.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1654) to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2542

(Purpose: To authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes)

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, Senator FRIST has a substitute amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.